

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

In the following amendments to the specification, blank lines are not counted.

Please insert the following heading as a new paragraph after the title and before the first paragraph starting at page 1, line 2:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a rotary pump ~~of the introductory portion of claim 1.~~

Please insert the following heading as a new paragraph before the paragraph starting at page 2, line 20:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following heading as a new paragraph before the paragraph starting at page 3, line 15:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading as a new paragraph before the paragraph starting at page 3, line 22:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION